

HA-1241
Summit Manor
402 Summit Drive
Fallston, Maryland 21047

Probably the centerpiece of a fine estate at one time, this grand two-story house may have been built by Samuel Bowne early in the second half of the 19th century.

Five bays wide and two rooms deep, with a central hall plan, this classically inspired, hipped-roof house is distinctive in the region for its monumental feeling and stylistic consciousness. Although Summit Manor was remodelled at the beginning of this century, it has retained its classical silhouette, proportions, and interior ornament. Probably added at that time were the antebellum south porch, three Federal mantels in the living room and two doors in the dining room, and the dormers.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Summit Manor

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

402 Summit Drive

CITY, TOWN

Fallston,

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21047

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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Telephone #: 879-0888

STREET & NUMBER

402 Summit Drive

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21047**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 1051

Folio #: 1043

STREET & NUMBER

40 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE
Maryland 21014**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This manorial stone house is an imposing 2½-story square structure with a two-story columned porch on the south side. Probably built around the middle of the 19th century, the dormers on all four sides and the ante-bellum porch with ionic columns, at least, are products of later re-modellings. With two brick interior chimneys in both the east and west ends, a dentilled cornice, stone quoins and lintels, the house retains much of its original character and strength. The first story windows are longer than those in the second story and in the sides and have 6/9 sash and 6/6 sash, respectively, with narrow beaded trim. The windows in the ends have 6/6 sash; the basement windows in the ends have four lights. The dormers in the sides have six windows each, contained in single shed-roofed units; the end dormers have two windows in each unit.

Except for the two-story south porch, the north and south sides are similar with an entrance in the first story center bay flanked by two windows on each side, with five windows in the second story. The north side also had a columned porch at one time, which was recently removed.¹ On this side, the first story windows have three panel shutters and the second story windows have louvered shutters. The entrances are slightly different: with a transom and sidelights, the north has a double leafed door - each leaf with an oblong, sexagonal center panel between equilateral sexagonal panels; the south has a six-panel door with a transom. Set on a brick foundation, the south porch has paired columns at either end and railings with square balusters. With a door in the second story center bay and a basement entrance under the west end, the porch has a beaded board ceiling and a tiled floor with stone trim.

The ends, in contrast to the sides, are austere, and the fenestration is asymmetrical. These windows are plain, with no adornment, although the classically inspired reduction in window height in proportion to their height on the facade is consistent with the principal facades. The west end has two windows in the first story and one in the second, in the south bay. The east end has been altered: there are two original windows in the second story, one in the first story north bay, flanked on the south by a replaced casement window and a door with a gable-roofed portico.

The interior plan may have been rearranged at some time. At present, however, it is composed of a central hall flanked on the east by a double parlor and on the west by two equal-sized rooms. The ornament shows a curious mixture of styles. The trim with two deep vertical cavettos and corner rondels is a conventional Greek Revival pattern, but it is overscaled and slightly grotesque. The parlor and master bedroom mantelpieces and cabinets, on the other hand, are Federally-influenced with fine, graceful carving and well-mannered designs - i.e. urns and fans. (Slightly too neat to be authentic, they are probably not original to the house in any case.) Correspondingly, the eight-panel doors in the northwest room are also Federal style with richly-veneered panels. Otherwise, the doors have six panels and the windows have bevelled, panelled jambs and panelled soffits. There is a molded chairrail in all rooms except the kitchen. (Except for the kitchen, all floors are new).

In the hall, the staircase is against the west wall, and there is an entrance vestibule at the north end. At either end of the hall's west wall are doors to the two adjacent west rooms; in the east wall is a large arch. The vestibule has an arched entrance to the hall, flanked on both sides by projecting piers containing closets. The staircase is simple and superb, with one long run that extends almost the full length of the hall. The balusters are slender and slightly tapered with delicate turnings; at the bottom step, where the railing ends in a scroll, they encircle the urn-shaped newel. In the side of

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Looking slightly incongruous now as it sits in the middle of a subdivision, this grand stone house must have been the centerpiece of a much finer estate at one time. It was probably built by Samuel Bowne on 67 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres that he bought from William Rodham in 1855.¹ William Rodham had obtained the property in 1845 from Cheyney Hoskins² whose family owned a great deal of property in the area. It comprised parts of the contiguous tracts "Clarksons Purchase", "Robinson's Venture" and "Neighbors Neglect". The 1858 Herrick map shows no house on this property, and the 1878 Martenet's Map lists S. Bowne here, so presumably the house was built in the interim. (The Greek Revival interior ornament points to a construction date closer to 1858 than 1878.) Samuel Bowne's son, Robert, then inherited the property-first, part of the lot and then the house with 42 acres.³ He subsequently sold it and 142 acres to Martin and Francis Ridgely in 1894 for \$1,500 and they probably were responsible for most of the remodelling.⁴ In 1932, Harry Shriver bought the property⁵ and when he died, it passed to his daughter, Ruth Farrelly, in 1939.⁶ From that time on, the property changed hands frequently and with each transaction, the size of the lot diminished.

What is exceptional about this house is that it has retained its original character and silhouette as it passed from owner to owner. Most houses that have housed as many different families as this one have changed configurations several times at least. Fortunately, the austere elegance and monumental proportions of this square stone block have not been altered. (Oddly enough, the two-story columned porch on the south facade and the dormer windows in each side of the hipped roof have not damaged the integrity of the structure.) Its mass and classical simplicity give this house great distinction in the region, showing rare restraint (in a house of this rank) and stylistic consciousness.

FOOTNOTES

- ¹ Liber ALJ 5, Folio 381.
- ² Liber HD 30, Folio 276.
- ³ Liber WHD 18, Folio 52.
- ⁴ Liber WSF 81, Folio 52.
- ⁵ Liber SWC 223/416.
- ⁶ Will Records Liber ALJ 20, Folio 234.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Will Records of Harford County

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	
Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Historic District Commission	February, 1979
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
45 S. Main Street	838-6000 Ext. 207
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Bel Air	Maryland 21014

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DESCRIPTION (Continued)

the steps is a door to the basement, and in the south end is a bathroom.

The east parlor has two fireplaces flanking the windows in the east wall, with recessed cupboards in the two corners of the east wall, although the arrangement is not entirely balanced. The marvelously over-scaled dentilled cornice and rounded arch are in complete contrast to the mantels and cupboards. Both mantels are the same, with a cyma recta shelf, cornice with scalloped band, frieze with a center panel with a fan surrounded by recessed flowers and end blocks flanking half fans and decorated with medallions, a reeded architrave, and rounded, reeded pilasters flanking the gray marble opening. Set in panelled sections of the wall, each cupboard has a petalled, four-tier sunburst in the round arch, which has a scrolled keystone and is flanked by reeded columns. The bottom, two-door cupboards have new hardware.

The northwest room has no fireplace, although there is a projecting chimney breast in the west wall. Over that portion is a cyma recta cornice; however, around the rest of the room is a cove cornice.

The kitchen or southwest room has a replaced fireplace in the west wall and has been remodelled several times.

In the basement, there was a fire in the northeast corner at one time, but it appears that there was a trough there and this room may have been the original kitchen. (The fire and subsequent renovation have covered up any other evidence--there is no longer a fireplace, if there ever was one.) Next to the stairs, the joists have through pegs.

In the attic, the posts are pegged and the rafters tenoned into the ridge pole. Each rafter is held with two finished pegs.

FOOTNOTE

¹ According to the owner, the porch had been tenoned into the stone.

Title Search

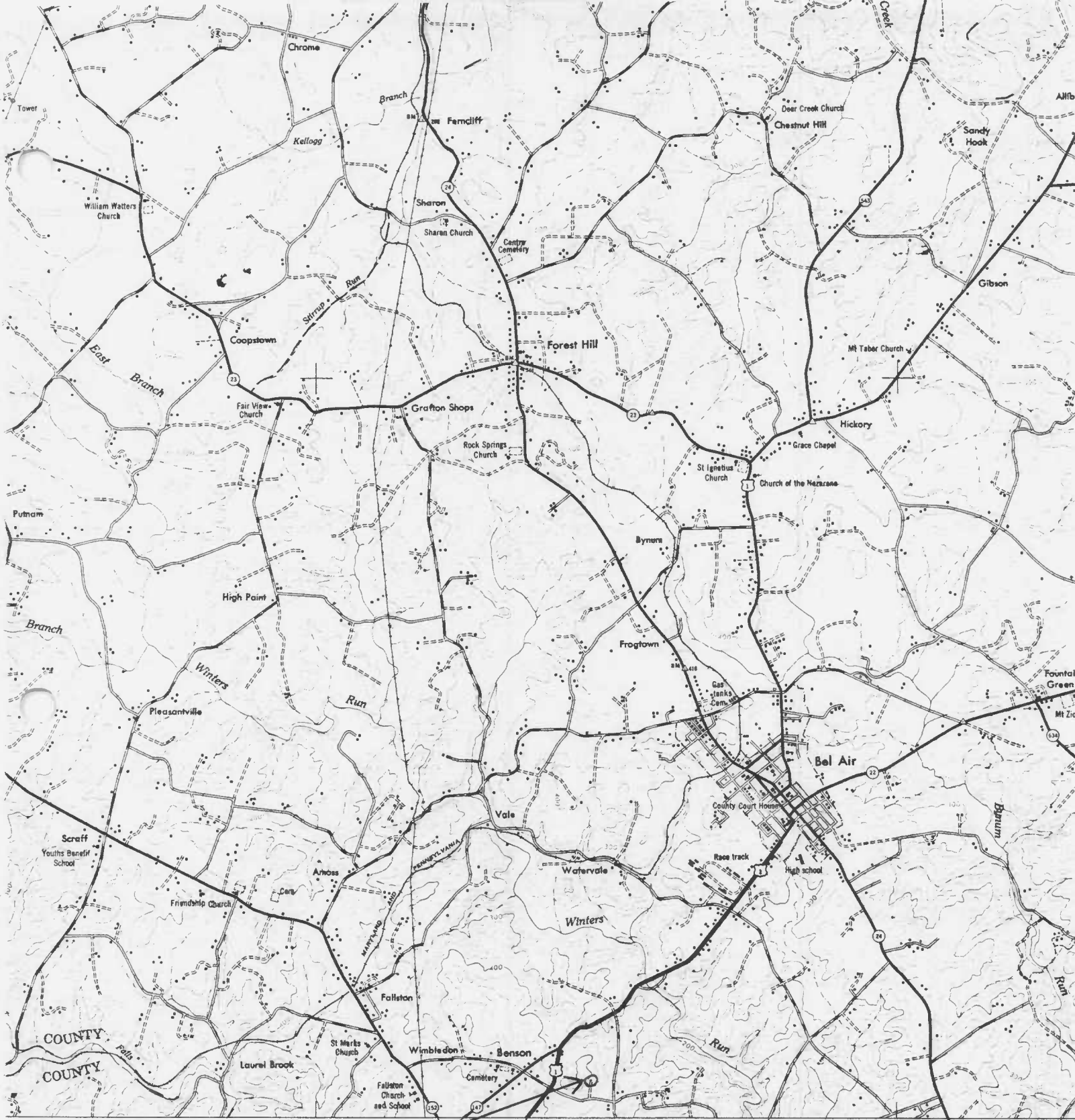
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HD	6	308	1823	Grantor:	Nathaniel Hoskins
HD	22	254	1839	Grantee:	Cheyney Hoskins
HD	30	276	2/ /1845	Grantor:	Cheyney & Mary Hoskins
				Grantee:	William Rodham
				Acreage:	68 acres "Clarksons Purchase", "Robinsons Venture", "Neighbors Neglect"
				Sum:	\$6500
ALJ	5	381	2/24/1855	Grantor:	William & Rachel Rodham
				Grantee:	Samuel Bowne
				Acreage:	68 $\frac{1}{4}$ Acres. "Clarksons Purchase", "Robinsons Venture", "Neighbors Neglect"
				Sum:	\$9000
ALJ	5	437	4/9/1855	Grantor:	Ross & Margaret Scott
				Grantee:	Samuel Bowne
				Acreage:	7 Acres, 3 roads, 17 square perches. "Claxtons Purchase"
				Sum:	\$589.22
WHD	18	52	11/23/1865	Grantor:	Samuel Bowne
ALJ	30	254	7/15/1874	Grantee:	Robert Bowne (son)
				Acreage:	100 Acres, except 2 parcels reserved: 42 acres where Samuel Bowne resides, & small parcel on which is a schoolhouse (transferred later to Robert Bowne).
WSF	81	52	5/16/1894	Grantor:	Robert & Sarah Bowne
				Grantee:	Martin & Francis Ridgely, Johanna & Henrietta Ridgely
				Acreage:	142 Acres, 1 road, 30 square perches
				Sum:	\$11,500
SWC	223	416	7/19/1931	Grantor:	Francis V. Ridgely
				Grantee:	Harry T. Shriver
				Acreage:	142 Acres
Will ALJ	20	234	7/14/1937	Grantor:	Harry T. Shriver
				Grantee:	Ruth S. Farrelly
GCB	265	76	2/25/1941	Grantor:	Ruth Farrelly
				Grantee:	Mignon Archer Lowe
1.	289	147	6/15/1945	Grantor:	Mignon Archer Lowe
				Grantee:	Godfrey & Hazel Stancill
				Acreage:	70.865 Acres

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2.	GCB	271	396	2/28/1942	Grantor: Mignon Archer Lowe Grantee: Charles & Marianne Shaw Acreage: 160 Acres
		432	573	5/5/1955	Grantor: Charles & Marianne Shaw Grantee: Charles C. Vaughn & D. Paul McNabb (Subsequently Transferred Title to Stancill's, Inc.) Acreage: 31.82 Acres
		626	27	8/13/1963	Grantor: Stancill's, Inc. & Godfrey & Hazel Stancill Grantee: Charles & Million Daneker Acreage: 70 Acres
		642	105	2/28/1964	Grantor: Charles & Million Daneker Grantee: Calvin & Marie Lenderman
		870	870	4/1/1971	Grantor: Calvin & Marie Lenderman Grantee: James & Vanessa Rowe Acreage: 5 Acres
		1051	1043		Grantor: James & Vanessa Rowe Grantee: Patrick & Mary Donovan Acreage: 5 Acres



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15' Bel Air Quad, 1948

of Engineers, U. S. Army Map Service (AM),
500, Bel Air Quadangle, 1945. Planimetric
photo. Aerial photography May 1947. Horizontal
Map field checked 1948.

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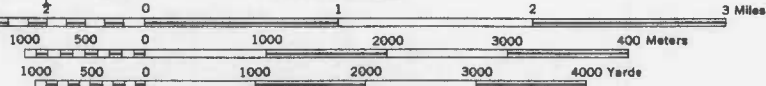
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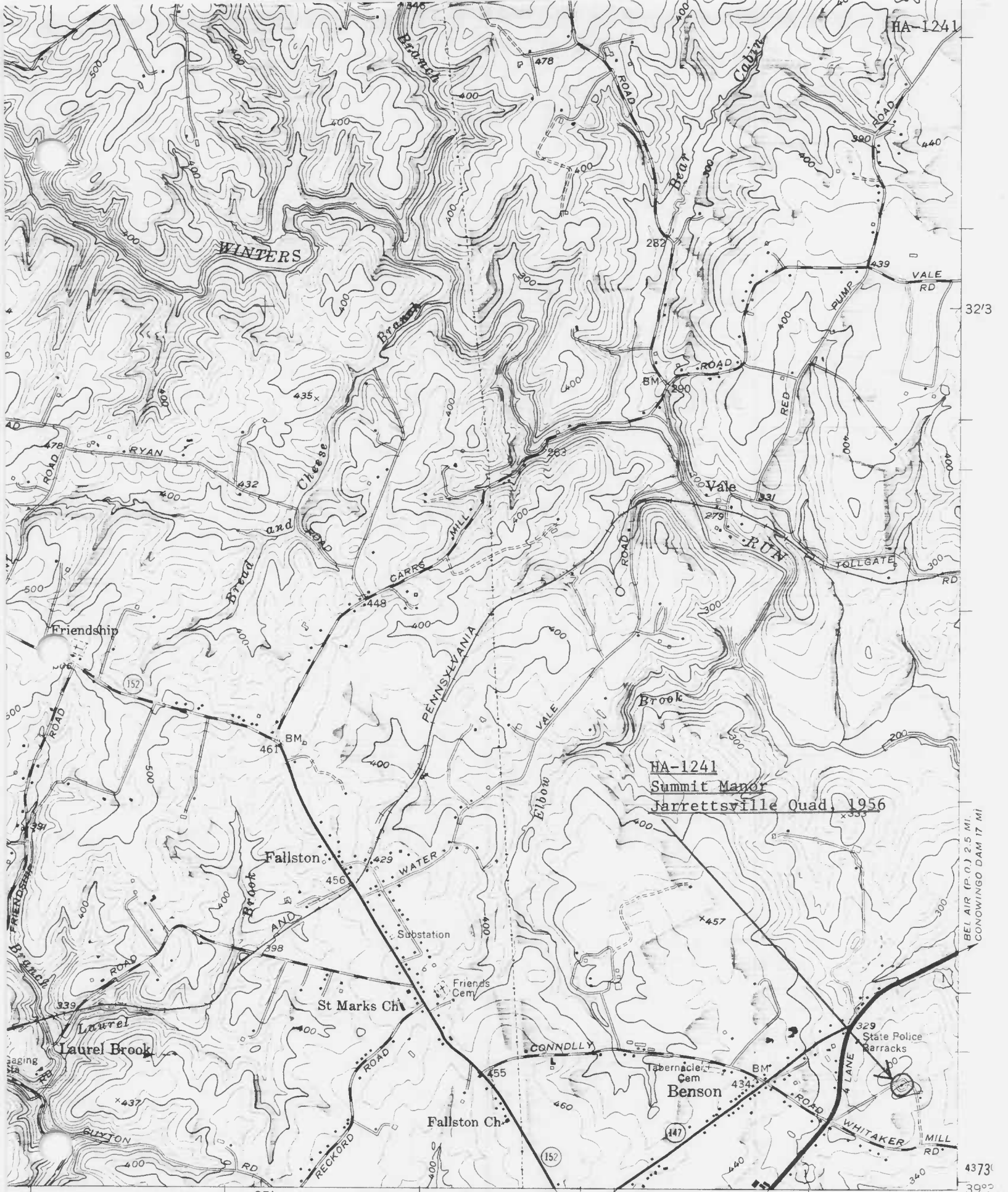
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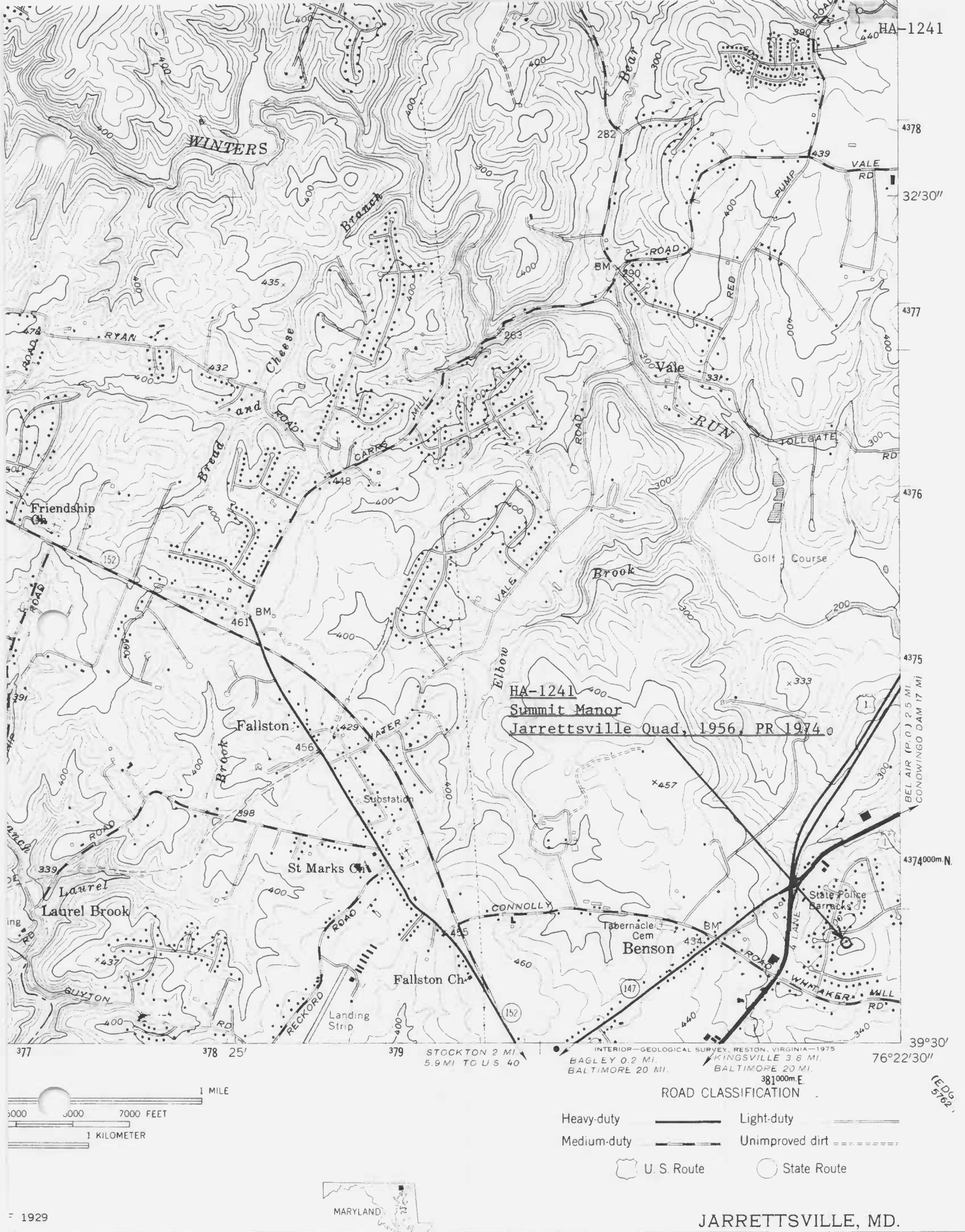
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1927 NORTH AMERICAN DATUM



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Summit Manor
Jarrettsville Quad, 1956

BEL AIR (P.O.) 2.5 MI
CONOWINGO DAM 17 MI



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Summit Manor
Jarrettsville Quad, 1956, PR 1974

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CONOWINGO DAM 17 MI

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1975
BAGLEY 0.2 MI.
BALTIMORE 20 MI.
KINGSVILLE 3.6 MI.
BALTIMORE 20 MI.
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty
Medium-duty	- - - - -	Unimproved dirt	- . - . -
U. S. Route		State Route	

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JARRETTSVILLE, MD.



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January, 1979
N. Shivers
Southwest elevation



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